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SUBJECT: CHINESE REACT TO U.S. TALKING POINTS AND PASS
CHINESE PAPER FOR USE IN JOINT DEMARCHE TO THE UAEG ON
THE "YIN HE" CASE -- AUGUST 16

REFTELS: A. STATE 249137 AND PREVIOUS; B. BEIJING
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 8.

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3. SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 16, CHINESE MFA INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG
COMMENTED ON REF A U.S. TALKING POINTS AND PASSED US
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THE UAEG. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REQUESTING ITS CHIEF OF MISSION IN ABU DHABI TO START MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A JOINT DEMARCHE. END SUMMARY.

4. ON AUGUST 16, SHA CALLED POLMINCOUNS TO THE MFA AND COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON REF A U.S. TALKING POINTS BEFORE HANDING US A COPY OF THE CHINESE DRAFT FOR USE IN A JOINT DEMARCHE. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT CHINA'S CHIEF OF MISSION IN ABU DHABI WOULD EXPECT THE U.S. CHIEF OF MISSION TO GO FIRST. HE STRESSED THAT, IN COMMENTING ON THE U.S. TALKING POINTS, CHINA DID NOT WANT TO TELL THE U.S. WHAT TO SAY AND HOW TO DRAFT, AND WOULD NOT QUIBBLE WITH THE POINTS OUR CHIEF OF MISSION WOULD MAKE AS PRESENTED REF A. HIS THIRD AND FOURTH COMMENTS (BELOW) SEEM PARTICULARLY WORTHY OF

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ATTENTION. FOLLOWING ARE SHA'S SPECIFIC COMMENTS:

-- RE POINT ONE, RE U.S.-CHINA JOINT CONCERNS "OVER THE POSSIBILITY" THAT THE "YIN HE" "MAY" BE CARRYING CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS, CHINA HAD MANY TIMES STATED THAT, AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, NO SUCH CHEMICALS ARE ON BOARD. [REDACTED]

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-- RE POINT FOUR, CHINA WOULD NOT OBJECT, BUT FOUND THE WORDS "THE COOPERATIVE WAY" DIFFICULT TO FATHOM, SINCE THE U.S. REFUSED TO TRUST CHINA'S ASSURANCES. [REDACTED]

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-- RE POINT SIX, CHINA DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. FELT IT NECESSARY TO SINGLE OUT IRAN, WHEN OUR JOINT CONCERN IS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS ON A UNIVERSAL BASIS. [REDACTED]

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-- RE POINT FIVE, SHA SAID [REDACTED] THAT PERHAPS THE ENGLISH WOULD BE CLEARER TO FOREIGN EARS WERE THE WORDS "TECHNICAL ADVISORS" TO BE INSERTED THUS: "IN THIS LIGHT, WE HOPE YOU WILL AGREE TO ALLOW U.S. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AS TECHNICAL ADVISORS TO ACCOMPANY THE UAE SIDE."

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5. SHA THEN PASSED A CHINESE PAPER WHICH HE SAID THE
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CHINESE CHIEF OF MISSION WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO USE IN
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6. SHA SAID THE CHINESE CHIEF OF MISSION IN ABU DHABI WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THE UAEG IMMEDIATELY TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR A JOINT DEMARCHE.

7. SHA INDICATED THAT CHINA IS CONSIDERING SENDING A TECHNICAL TEAM FROM BEIJING TO DUBAI AND THAT HE MAY BE ACCOMPANYING THIS TEAM ALONG, PERHAPS WITH OTHER OFFICIALS.

8. ACTION REQUEST:

9. EARLIER, ON AUGUST 15, IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF REF A, POLMINCOUNS PASSED REF A TALKING POINTS TO THE CHINESE MFA, AND SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZUKANG TO

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REITERATE THE POINTS CONTAINED AT REF A PARAS 3 AND 4, POINTS WHICH WE HAD MADE IN TWO PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS WITH SHA (REF B AND PREVIOUS). IN RESPONSE, SHA REITERATED THAT CHINA UNDERSTOOD WHY THE U.S. SOUGHT TO INSPECT THE TWENTY-FOUR CONTAINERS BOUND DIRECTLY FROM CHINA TO IRAN, AND WHY THE U.S. NEEDED TO SEE THE SHIP'S MANIFEST.

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